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To: Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is a reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 in response to a final Office Action dated June 30, 2003. Please consider the following remarks, which Applicants submit place the case in condition for allowance or in better form for appeal. Applicants further submit that these remarks do not raise any new issues that would require further consideration and/or search.

In the Office Action, claims 1-50, 52, 56, and 59-68 were rejected. Applicants note that, although claim 51 had been previously canceled and is not mentioned as pending in the Office Action Summary, it is expressly rejected in the body of the Office action. Claims 1-17, 53-55, 57-58, and 69-71 are herein

canceled. Claims 18, 19, 21, 27, 29, and 31 are currently amended. Claims 72-87 are new.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the telephonic interview on December 17, 2003 in which the cited prior art was discussed in relation to Applicants' claims. The remarks incorporate Applicants' position during the interview, generally that the Straub reference, taken alone or in any permissible combination, does not teach or suggest a number of recited limitations.